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REMARKS

In an office action mailed September 13, 2005 (Paper No. 20050906), claims 178-252 were allowed, claim 253 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), and claims 254-255 were objected to as being dependant on a rejected base claim. Claims 179, 180, and 245 have been amended to correct minor clerical errors. Claims 238, 241, 251, 252, and 255 have been amended to correct antecedent basis. The Applicants appreciate the indication of allowability by the Examiner.

Claim 253 has been amended in accordance with the indication of allowability by the Examiner to include the limitation of claim 254. All pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance per the indication by the Examiner.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks and for various other reasons readily apparent, Applicants submit that all of the claims now present are allowable, and withdrawal of the rejections and a Notice of Allowability are courteously solicited.

If any impediment to the allowance of the claims remains after consideration of this amendment, a telephone interview with the undersigned at (214) 939-8678 is hereby requested so that such impediments may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

No additional fee is believed to be due with this response. If any applicable fee or refund has been overlooked, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee or credit any refund to the deposit account of Godwin Gruber, LLP, No. 500530.

Respectfully submitted,

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